



GILLIBRAND REPORT: NEARLY 2.4 MILLION NEW YORKERS LIVE IN RURAL AREAS

Estimates based on Census data indicate that nearly 2.4 million New Yorkers live in rural communities, many of which were among those hit hardest by Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee. Senator Gillibrand is committed to securing all necessary federal resources to help New York rebuild, and has a long-term plan to grow New York's rural economy.

County Estimates for Western New York:

In Western New York, more than 300,000 people live in rural areas.

COUNTY	% URBAN	% RURAL	ESTIMATED TOTAL POPULATION: 2009	ESTIMATED URBAN POPULATION	ESTIMATED RURAL POPULATION
Allegany	20.8%	79.2%	49,391	10,260	39,131
Cattaraugus	41.6%	58.4%	80,349	33,420	46,929
Chautauqua	59.0%	41.0%	134,078	79,039	55,039
Erie	91.0%	9.0%	914,200	831,817	82,383
Niagara	75.0%	25.0%	214,613	161,022	53,591
Wyoming	35.7%	64.3%	41,820	14,928	26,892

County Estimates for Rochester-Finger Lakes Region:

In the Rochester/Finger Lakes Region, more than 333,000 people live in rural areas.

COUNTY	% URBAN	% RURAL	ESTIMATED TOTAL POPULATION: 2009	ESTIMATED URBAN POPULATION	ESTIMATED RURAL POPULATION
Genesee	40.3%	59.7%	58,208	23,447	34,761
Livingston	45.1%	54.9%	63,162	28,469	34,693
Monroe	93.1%	6.9%	731,621	681,499	50,122
Ontario	49.5%	50.5%	104,205	51,552	52,653
Orleans	42.8%	57.2%	42,380	18,158	24,222
Seneca	42.6%	57.4%	34,181	14,555	19,626
Tompkins	58.4%	41.6%	100,583	58,744	41,839
Wayne	37.0%	63.0%	91,658	33,930	57,728
Yates	26.9%	73.1%	24,526	6,590	17,936

County Estimates for Central New York:

In Central New York, more than 400,000 people live in rural areas.

COUNTY	% URBAN	% RURAL	ESTIMATED TOTAL POPULATION: 2009	ESTIMATED URBAN POPULATION	ESTIMATED RURAL POPULATION
Cayuga	47.5%	52.5%	79,994	37,992	42,002
Cortland	55.2%	44.8%	48,207	26,604	21,603
Herkimer	48.8%	51.2%	62,439	30,451	31,988
Madison	41.8%	58.2%	69,868	29,188	40,680
Oneida	64.5%	35.5%	231,029	148,995	82,034
Onondaga	86.7%	13.3%	453,846	393,372	60,474
Oswego	35.5%	64.5%	121,588	43,161	78,427
Otsego	26.2%	73.8%	62,086	16,290	45,796

County Estimates for the Southern Tier:

In the Southern Tier, nearly 265,000 people live in rural areas.

COUNTY	% URBAN	% RURAL	ESTIMATED TOTAL POPULATION: 2009	ESTIMATED URBAN POPULATION	ESTIMATED RURAL POPULATION
Broome	73.7%	26.3%	195,209	143,795	51,414
Chemung	73.7%	26.3%	88,161	65,014	23,147
Chenango	17.0%	83.0%	50,956	8,638	42,318
Delaware	15.0%	85.0%	46,194	6,924	39,270
Schuyler	20.2%	79.8%	18,896	3,816	15,080
Steuben	37.7%	62.3%	96,674	36,468	60,206
Tioga	34.8%	65.2%	50,367	17,541	32,826

County Estimates for the Capital Region:

In the Capital Region, more than 355,000 people live in rural areas.

COUNTY	% URBAN	% RURAL	ESTIMATED TOTAL POPULATION: 2009	ESTIMATED URBAN POPULATION	ESTIMATED RURAL POPULATION
Albany	90.3%	9.7%	298,341	269,322	29,019
Columbia	29.2%	70.8%	62,217	18,169	44,048
Fulton	49.6%	50.4%	55,031	27,278	27,753
Greene	30.2%	69.8%	49,071	14,827	34,244
Montgomery	59.2%	40.8%	48,632	28,785	19,847
Rensselaer	67.7%	32.3%	155,043	105,035	50,008
Saratoga	68.7%	31.3%	216,491	148,627	67,864
Schenectady	91.0%	9.0%	150,474	136,970	13,504
Schoharie	16.7%	83.3%	31,813	5,309	26,504
Washington	29.6%	70.4%	62,486	18,519	43,967

County Estimates for the North Country:

In the North Country, more than 290,000 people live in rural areas.

COUNTY	% URBAN	% RURAL	ESTIMATED TOTAL POPULATION: 2009	ESTIMATED URBAN POPULATION	ESTIMATED RURAL POPULATION
Clinton	39.0%	61.0%	81,755	31,871	49,884
Essex	25.0%	75.0%	37,927	9,487	28,440
Franklin	39.1%	60.9%	50,374	19,714	30,660
Hamilton	0.0%	100.0%	5,011	-	5,011
Jefferson	47.3%	52.7%	117,595	55,670	61,925
Lewis	12.6%	87.4%	26,205	3,293	22,912
St. Lawrence	39.3%	60.7%	109,742	43,136	66,606
Warren	60.1%	39.9%	65,743	39,535	26,208

County Estimates for the Hudson Valley:

In the Hudson Valley, nearly 380,000 people live in rural areas.

COUNTY	% URBAN	% RURAL	ESTIMATED TOTAL POPULATION: 2009	ESTIMATED URBAN POPULATION	ESTIMATED RURAL POPULATION
Dutchess	70.9%	29.1%	292,187	207,225	84,962
Orange	75.6%	24.4%	376,548	284,808	91,740
Putnam	76.1%	23.9%	99,111	75,416	23,695
Rockland	99.1%	0.9%	297,298	294,733	2,565
Sullivan	28.7%	71.3%	75,924	21,798	54,126
Ulster	50.6%	49.4%	181,510	91,898	89,612
Westchester	96.5%	3.5%	949,050	915,899	33,151

County Estimates for Long Island:

On Long Island, nearly 50,000 people live in rural areas.

COUNTY	% URBAN	% RURAL	ESTIMATED TOTAL POPULATION: 2009	ESTIMATED URBAN POPULATION	ESTIMATED RURAL POPULATION
Nassau	99.8%	0.2%	1,354,141	1,351,886	2,255
Suffolk	97.0%	3.0%	1,511,028	1,465,436	45,592

Source: U.S. Census, staff calculations